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SUBJECT: VISIT OF PARAGUAYAN PRESIDENT

1. PARAGUAYAN PRESIDENT ALFREDO STROESSNER ARRIVED MADRID JULY 16 FOR 5 DAY OFFICIAL VISIT ACCOMPANIED BY PARAGUAYAN MINISTER FOREIGN AFFAIRS RAUL SAPENA PASTOR AND OTHER GOP MEMBERS. PARTY SPENT PREVIOUS EVE AT LAS PALMAS, CANARIES, WHERE THEY WERE ENTERTAINED BY LOCAL OFFICIALS. EXPECTED THAT VARIOUS ASPECTS OF SPANISH-PARAGUAYAN CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION WILL BE DISCUSSED DURING VISIT.

2. STROESSNER PARTY WAS MET AT AIRPORT BY GENERAL FRANCO AND WAS LATER PRESENTED KEYS TO CITY OF MADRID. FIRST DAY'S ACTIVITIES INCLUDE A CALL ON FRANCO AT FRANCO'S RESIDENCE, MEETING WITH PRINCE JUAN CARLOS, PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMATIC CHIEFS OF MISSION AND A STATE DINNER GIVEN BY FRANCO. STROESSNER'S SCHEDULE FOR REMAINDER OF STAY IS FILLED WITH SIGHTSEEING TOURS AND IS HIGHLIGHTED BY ATTENDANCE AT RECEPTION GIVEN BY FRANCO AT LA GRANJA JULY 18 CELEBRATING SPANISH NATIONAL DAY. JULY 19 STROESSNER WILL HOST AN OFFICIAL DINNER GIVEN IN HONOR OF GENERAL AND MRS. FRANCO. THE GOS AWARDED THE COLLAR OF THE ORDER OF ISABELLA THE CATHOLIC TO PRESIDENT STROESSNER AND THE "SASH" OF THE SAME ORDER TO HIS DAUGHTER.

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3. STROESSNER'S DAUGHTER, GRACIELA, ACCOMPANIED BY HUSBAND

HUMBERTO DOMINGUEZ, ARRIVED MADRID JULY 14.

4. VISIT RECEIVING PROMINENT COVERAGE IN SPANISH PRESS.
EDITORIAL COMMENTS NOTE PROGRESS MADE BY PARAGUAY SINCE
STROESSNER'S ACCESSION TO POWER.
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